

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, February 25th, 2024

Welcome all who worship with us! We're happy to be together. Thank you to the following people for their participation:

Leader of Worship..... Rev. Don Sellsted, Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist Carmen Peng
Anthem..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings..... Dale MacArthur
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Tellers..... Gail Gordon, Beth Spindler
Greeters..... Ian Godfrey, Frank & Sarah Hartman, Joy Waterbury
Hospitality..... Judy Gilmore, Pam Petrie, Fran Turner

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Feb 25th, 2024 – There will be a live-streamed service this Sunday at 10:00am. Please join us on-line if you are unable to attend in person. Live-stream Link:

<https://youtube.com/live/WzBrIKMvIBc?feature=share>

Regular Admin office hours Monday- Thursday 8am – 12pm

Rev. Don's office days – Monday to Thursday

Rev. Linda's office days – Monday & Thursday

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

Please reach out to confirm with Rev. Don/Rev. Linda/Admin office before making a special trip outside regular Admin Office hours.

(Please visit our website at www.orchardvalleyunited.ca for online Worship and much more!)

Feb 24	Sat	5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coldest Night Walk for Open Arms
Feb 25	Sun	10am 11:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Fundscrip Order delivery • Affirming Meeting following Worship
Feb 26	Mon	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga with Joy
Feb 28	Wed	1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking thru the Bible
Feb 29	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • OVUC Choir practise
March 1	Fri	9:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Coffee Time
March 3	Sun	10am 11:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Fundscrip Orders placed • Outreach Meeting following Worship

Special Note regarding e-transfer donations to OVUC: this email address has changed, and it will now have auto deposit (no password necessary)! New address: treasurer.ovpc@gmail.com

Men's Fellowship Luncheon: All gentlemen are most cordially invited to our Men's Fellowship Luncheon at noon, at OVUC, on **Friday, March 8**. Cost is \$7 per man.

Our speaker is Nicole Philpitt, a Clinical Exercise Physiologist, who will speak to us about seniors' physical fitness. Wear loose clothing, as a small amount of exercise may be involved.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the hospitality room, to indicate your intention to attend. Please address questions or comments to Dave Murphy, Ian Godfrey, Chris Seymour or Scott Sweatman.

Men's Group Fundscrip Program – Don't forget to purchase your gift cards for all your favourite locations (grocery, restaurants, hardware, clothing, etc). A percentage of each gift card sold comes back to the OVUC Men's Group from the various gift card companies. For order forms or to learn more about this great fundraising program, please see Ian Godfrey/Cecil White. Schedule:

February 25 – Order delivery

March 3 – Place Order

March 10 – Order delivery

Bake Sale – March 17th, following Worship (This is also PIE Sunday!): If you'd like to bake for the bake sale, please contact Christian Development chair JaneMcDonald at jemcdonald56@gmail.com (NOTE: please portion and pack your baking for people to take home). ***Stay tuned for more!***

Subscribe to OVUC's YouTube Channel – Did you know we have a YouTube Channel? Simply select the 'Subscribe' button the next time you are watching one of our videos or during the Live Streamed Worship Service. (Please note that you must have a Google account in order to subscribe.)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEW4VOpk_znrA5qevOqCr9Q

Video Recorded Worship Services – Please view our weekly posted video recorded services by going to our webpage and clicking on “Worship Services/Video Recorded Messages”.

Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group – Hope Al-Anon is a fellowship that offers help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics. ***The group meets at OVUC on Thursdays, 10-11am and can also be accessed by using FONGO for phone meetings.***

To enter the meeting, call 1-902-932-1200 and enter 902-932-7986#. For more information about Al-Anon visit www.al-anonmaritimes.ca or Al-Anon World Service Office at al-anon.org.

Reimagining Church-Reclaiming your Call (for Lay People only) Live Sessions

February 24, March 9, 23, April 6, 20, 2024 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET

Register at United in Learning <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=132>

Imagine your community of faith as a fellowship of disciples (instead of a floundering institution); Imagine following in the footsteps of our radical Teacher (instead of being ground down by budget shortfalls and petty conflicts); Imagine being part of a Christian community that understands the essence of our identity and call as people of God. Fall in love with your faith all over again!

Join us for this six-week series to renew and rekindle your call to ministry and discipleship in their fullest sense. “To embody God’s love in the world,” says the Song of Faith, “the work of the church requires the ministry and discipleship of all believers.”

On-your-own hours between the sessions will include reading, journal-writing, and online conversations among the other participants.

This program is co-facilitated by a diverse team who bring a breadth of experience as educators, theologians, ministry personnel, lay leaders, and regional and national United Church of Canada staff. It is a pilot project made possible by a grant from the United Church of Canada Foundation (Embracing the Spirit fund). **Cost: \$99.99 Come as a team and save!**

When you sign up, we’ll send you a promo code that you can share with other members of your team. They can each enter the promo code when they register and get \$25 off the price.

Leaders; Andrew Richardson, Marvin Anderson, Josephine Braun; Jane Dawson, Connie DenBok, David-Roger Gagnon, Michelle Hogman, Chris Pullenayegem

Workshop on Saturday, February 24, 2:00 - 4:00 - Aylesford United Church invites you to a workshop led by the Rev. Shepherd Munikwa, Minister for Justice, Mission & Outreach for the United Church of Canada East. The afternoon’s theme is “**Diversity**” – How can we be an inclusive and welcoming church in a *global village*? How can we live the Intercultural Vision of the United Church of Canada? There will be time to ask and answer questions about how to do church or live in a community with the “other” people from various cultures, races and denominations. All are welcome to attend and light refreshments will be provided. Storm date will be Saturday, March 2, and if it becomes necessary to postpone, there will be a message on the AUC Facebook page and website: aylesfordunited.com. Aylesford United Church, 2414 Hwy 1, Aylesford. For more information call Sarah Keddy, 902-680-5379

Wolfville Baptist Church Noon-hour Concerts in Lent: Thursdays in March, 12:10-1:00pm, preceded by conversation and coffee/tea, 11:30am to 12:00pm:

March 7: Walter Delahunt (piano: Schumann, Albeniz)

March 14: Rosemary MacPhee (mezzo-soprano) and Heather Price (piano) – Sea Pictures, Elgar

March 21: Peter Togni, Nocturnes by Peter-Anthony Togni

March 28: Jason Hall (Clarinet), Deanne van Rooyen (Harp) and Shimon Walt (Cello)

Admission is free. Wolfville Baptist Church, 487 Main St., Wolfville.